Longstayers in reception Centres - Challenges and possibilities

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Asylum applications to Europe

- Norway
- Belgium
- France
- Switzerland
- Sweden
- United Kingdom
- Germany
Reception Centres in Norway

111 reception centres located all over Norway

Reception population by end of August 16 350

Reception population by status

- Granted permit - pending settlement
- Case pending in UDI or UNE
- Final negative decision
- Others
Benefits to asylum seekers

- Mandatory information programme
- Norwegian Language course
- Activities
- Economic allowances
- Health care on the same basis as Norwegian citizens
- Children have a legal right, and duty, to attend primary school

Benefits for persons with a final negative decision

- Reduced economic allowances
- Emergency health care
- Activities to motivate to choose voluntary return
Who are the long-stayers?

- Non-compliance from the person having his/her asylum application rejected
- Slow pace in settlement of persons receiving a permit
- Long processing time in the Immigration Appeals Board
Long-stayers more than 1 year

By status

- Granted permit - pending settlement: 22%
- Granted permit - not eligible for settlement: 5%
- Pending Appeal: 17%
- Final negative decision - pending return: 56%

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Long-stayers more than 3 years

by status

- Granted permit - pending settlement: 13%
- Granted permit - not eligible for settlement: 7%
- Pending Appeal: 9%
- Final negative decision - pending return: 71%

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Dilemmas

• Reception centres host persons in different situations
• Postponed integration for persons awaiting settlement
Longstayers – Challenges

- Costs to the individual and to the society
- Plain and adequate standard
- Illegal stay means reduced rights and benefits
- Increased frustration
- Increased security risks

Long-stayers: Possibilities

- Rapid settlement
- Increasing the number of returns (voluntary/forced);
- Speed up the appeal processing
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Thank you

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